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Chapter I

Matters calling for action by or brought to the attention of the General Assembly

In 2004, at its resumed substantive session, the Economic and Social Council adopted draft resolutions and one decision that call for action by the General Assembly. The relevant resolutions and decision are summarized below.

Resolutions

Smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries (item 13 (a))

By **resolution 2004/66**, the Council decided to set out some guidelines to assist in the process to ensure a smooth transition of countries graduating from the list of least developed countries and recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the resolution.

Report of the Committee on Development Policy on its sixth session (item 13 (a))

By **resolution 2004/67**, the Council took into account Council resolution 2004/66 and endorsed the recommendation on the graduation of Cape Verde and Maldives from the least developed country category contained in the report of the Committee on Development Policy and recommended that the General Assembly take note of the of the recommendation of the Committee.

Decision

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (item 13)

By **decision 2004/319**, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (A/59/99-E/2004/83) and decided to refer it to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly for action.

Chapter VII
General segment

A. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

1. The Council resumed consideration of the question of the implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (agenda item 6), namely, sub-item 6 (a), Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, at its 52nd meeting on 16 September 2004; and sub-item (b), Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, at its 53rd meeting on 5 November 2004. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (see E/2004/SR.52 and E/2004/SR.53).

Action taken by the Council

2. Under sub-item 6 (a) and (b), the Council adopted resolutions 2004/64 and 2004/65.

1. Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

3. At its 52nd meeting, on 16 September 2004, the Council had before it a draft text of a resolution which was submitted by the President of the Council, entitled "International Conference on Financing for Development", which was circulated in English only. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (see E/2004/SR.52).

4. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council resolution 2004/64.

2. Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

5. At its 53rd meeting, on 5 November 2004, the Council had before it a draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council, entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010" (E/2004/L.55). An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (see E/2004/SR.53).

6. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council resolution 2004/65.

B. Coordination, programme and other questions

1. Report of coordination bodies

2. Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007

7. The Council resumed consideration of the question of coordination, programme and other questions (agenda item 7), namely, sub-item (a), Report of

coordination bodies and sub-item (b), Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007, at its 52nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2004. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (see E/2004/SR.52).

Action taken by the Council

8. Under sub-items 7 (a) and (b), the Council adopted decision 2004/318.

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with coordination, programme and other questions under sub-items 7 (a) and (b)

9. At the 52nd meeting, on 16 September 2004, on the proposal by the President of the Council, the Council took note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fourth session (A/59/16). See Council decision 2004/318.

4. Long-term programme of support for Haiti

10. The Council resumed consideration of the question of coordination, programme and other questions (agenda item 7), namely, sub-item (d), Long-term of support for Haiti, at its 54th plenary meeting, on 11 November 2004. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (see E/2004/SR.54).

Action taken by the Council

11. Under agenda item 7 (d), the Council adopted decision 2004/322.

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

12. At the 54th meeting, on 11 November 2004, the Council had before it a draft decision entitled "Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti" (E/2004/L.58/Rev.1). See Council decision 2004/322.

13. At the same meeting, the representative of Haiti made a statement.

14. Also, at the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision. See Council decision 2004/322.

E. Regional cooperation

15. The Council resumed consideration of the question of regional cooperation (agenda item 10) at its 53rd and 54th meetings, on 5 and 11 November 2004. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (see E/2004/SR.53 and 54).

Action taken by the Council

16. Under agenda item 10, the Council adopted decisions 2004/320, 2004/323 and 2004/234.

Regional cooperation

17. At its 53rd meeting, on 5 November 2004, on the proposal by the President of the Council, the Council decided that the twenty-third session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia should be held in Damascus for a period of three to four days during April/May 2005 (see E/2004/SR.53).

18. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the oral decision. See Council decision 2004/320.

19. At its 54th meeting, on 11 November 2004, the Council had before it a draft decision (E/2004/L.59) entitled "Regional cooperation" (see E/2004/SR.54).

20. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision. See Council decision 2004/323.

21. Also at its 54th meeting, on 11 November 2004, the Council had before it draft resolution III, entitled "Implementation of resolutions concerning the participation of associate member countries of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the follow-up to United Nations world conferences and in the work of the Economic and Social Council" (E/2004/15/Add.2).

22. At the same meeting, on the proposal by the President of the Council, the Council decided to defer to the organizational session of the Council, in January 2005, the consideration of draft resolution III, contained in document E/2004/15/Add.2. See Council decision 2004/324 (see also E/2004/SR.54).

G. Non-governmental organizations

23. The Council resumed consideration of agenda item 12 "Non-governmental organizations" at its 52nd and 53rd meeting, on 16 September and 5 November 2004. It had before it the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2004 regular session (E/2004/32) and a statement of programme budget implications on draft decision V contained in the report of the Committee (E/2004/L.38). An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2004/SR.52 and 53).

Action taken by the Council

24. Under agenda item 12, the Council adopted decision 2004/321.

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2004 regular session

25. At its 52nd meeting, on 16 September, the Council had before it draft decision V contained in the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/2004/32).

26. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba made a statement (see E/2004/SR.52).

27. At its 53rd meeting, on 5 November, the Chairperson of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations orally amended paragraph 1 of decision V contained in the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

(E/2004/32). The amendment was to add, at the end of sub-paragraph (a), the words ", on the understanding that conference services for 5 days (5-7, 10 and 11 January 2005) would be provided on an as available basis;".

The entire sub-paragraph (a) would read:

> "(a) Decides that the 2005 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 5 to 18 January 2005 and that its resumed 2005 session will be held from 9 to 20 May 2005, on the understanding that conference services for 5 days (5-7, 10 and 11 January 2005) would be provided on an as available basis;".

28. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications of the revised draft decision V contained in the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/2004/L.38) (see E/2004/SR.53).

29. Also at the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision as orally amended. See Council decision 2004/321.

H. Economic and environmental questions

30. The Council resumed consideration of agenda item 13 "Sustainable development" at its 52nd meeting, on 16 September 2004. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (see E/2004/SR.52).

Action taken by the Council

31. Under agenda item 13, the Council adopted decision 2004/319.

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

32. At its 52nd meeting, on 16 September, on the proposal by the President of the Council, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (A/59/99-E/2004/83) and decided to refer it to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly for action.

33. At the same meeting, the representatives of the United States of America, Benin and Cuba made statements (see E/2004/SR.52).

34. Also, at the same meeting, the Council adopted the oral decision. See Council decision 2004/319.

1. Sustainable development

35. The Council resumed consideration of sub-item 13 (a) "Sustainable development" at its 53rd meeting on 5 November 2004. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (see E/2004/SR.53).

Action taken by the Council

36. Under sub-item 13 (a), the Council adopted resolutions 2004/66 and 2004/67.

Smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries

37. At its 53rd meeting, on 5 November 2004, the Council had before it a draft resolution submitted by its President, entitled "Smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries" (E/2004/L.56).

38. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council resolution 2004/66.

Report of the Committee on Development Policy on its sixth session

39. Also, at its 53rd meeting, the Council had before it a draft resolution submitted by its President, entitled "Report of the Committee on Development Policy on its sixth session" (E/2004/L.57).

40. At the same meeting, before the adoption, the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Benin and the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union) made statements.

41. Also at the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council resolution 2004/67.

42. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representatives of Maldives, Cape Verde and the United States of America made statements.

2. Science and technology for development

43. The Council resumed consideration of sub-item 13 (b) "Science and technology for development" at its 52nd and 53rd meetings on 16 September and 5 November 2004. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (see E/2004/SR.52 and 53).

Action taken by the Council

44. Under agenda sub-item 13 (b), the Council adopted resolution 2004/68.

Science and technology for development

45. At its 53rd meeting, on 5 November, the Council had before it the draft resolution contained in chapter I.A. of the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/2004/31), entitled "Science and technology for development".

46. At the same meeting, the President of the Council read out amendments to the draft resolution. The amendments read as follows:

(a) To replace, in paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 10 (b) (ii) and 10 (b) (iv), the phrase "the Millennium Development Goals" with the phrase "the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration";

(b) To revise, paragraph 10 (b) to read as follows: "The Commission on Science and Technology for Development, within existing resources and within its role in coordinating science and technology activities in the United Nations, is requested to:".

47. Also, at the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union, the candidate countries (Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia), the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro)) made a statement.

48. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution as orally amended. See Council resolution 2004/68.

7. Public administration and development

49. The Council resumed its consideration of sub-item 13 (g) "Public administration and development" at its 54th meeting on 11 November 2004. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (see E/2004/SR.54).

Action taken by the Council

50. Under agenda sub-item 13 (g), the Council orally adopted decision 2004/324.

Public administration and development

51. At its 54th meeting, on 11 November 2004, on the proposal of the President of the Council, the Council decided to defer to the organizational session, in January 2005, the consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (E/2004/44). See Council decision 2004/325.

8. International cooperation in tax matters

52. The Council resumed its consideration of sub-item 13 (h) "International cooperation in tax matters" at its 54th meeting on 11 November 2004. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (see E/2004/SR.54).

Action taken by the Council

53. Under sub-item 13 (h), the Council adopted a resolution 2004/69.

International cooperation in tax matters

54. At its 54th meeting, on 11 November 2004, the Council had before it a draft resolution submitted by its President, entitled "Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters" (E/2004/L.60) and a statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedures of the Economic and Social Council (E/2004/L.61).

55. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Council read out amendments to the statement of programme budget implications (E/2004/L.61), as follows:

(a) In paragraph 3, the last sentence was revised to read: "Documentation requirements are estimated at 26 pages of pre-session documents, 7 pages of in-session documents and 100 pages of post-session documents for each session".

(b) In paragraph 5, the last sentence was revised to read: "It is the intention of the Secretariat to continue the arrangements in place with regard to a small number of technical staff, and, if need be, to meet any additional requirements for servicing the Committee within available resources".

56. At the same meeting, the representative of Cameroon orally corrected the draft resolution (E/2004/L.60).

57. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected. See Council resolution 2004/69.

58. Also at the same meeting, after the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Cameroon, Japan, the United States of America, Belize (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Qatar (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union) and Barbados made statements.

Chapter VIII
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

1. The Council considered the question of elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments at its resumed substantive session (agenda item 1). The questions were considered at the 52nd meeting, on 16 September 2004. An account of the proceedings is contained in the relevant summary record (see E/2004/SR.52). The Council had before it a note by the Secretary-General on the election of one expert to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from among candidates nominated by Governments (E/2004/L.1/Add.23).

Action taken by the Council

2. Under agenda item 1, the Council adopted decision 2004/201 F.

Chapter IX
Organizational matters

B. Resumed substantive session

1. The Council held its resumed substantive session of 2004 at United Nations Headquarters on 16 September and on 5 and 11 November 2004 (52nd to 54th meetings) (see E/2004/SR.52-54).

Action taken by the Council

2. The Council resumed consideration of agenda items 1, 6 (a) and (b), 7 (d), 10, 12, 13 (a), (b) and (g) at its 52nd through 54th meetings, on 16 September and on 5 and 11 November 2004. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2004/SR.52-54). See Council resolutions 2004/65 through 69 and Council decisions 2004/201F and 2004/318 through 325.